

SB 567 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/27/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Anderson, Gorsek, Patterson, Reynolds

Nays: 1 - Linthicum

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/6, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to establish and implement a child care provider incentive program, funded by the Child Care Provider Incentive Fund at the State Treasury.

Detailed Summary:

Directs DELIC to establish program eligibility, terms and conditions, incentive types, distribution priorities, and financial penalties for noncompliance in rule. Requires DELIC to allow providers to qualify for multiple incentives and incentives for multiyear periods. Establishes September 1 of each academic year as the deadline for determining distribution of funds for the following academic year. Directs the State Treasury to establish the Child Care Provider Incentive Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing workforce incentive funds.
- Impact of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), in partnership with the Early Learning Council and the Educator Advancement Council, to develop and implement a system of professional development that provides early childhood professionals with career pathways, mentorship, and coaching opportunities. As part of this system, DELIC maintains the [Oregon Registry](#), a centralized, statewide professional recognition database that provides educational guidelines and records individual progress on training, education, and professional development. The system is maintained by the [Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education](#) at Portland State University's College of Education.

Various incentives are available to early childhood professional who achieve certain steps in the registry, such as enhanced reimbursement rates and education award payments. In addition, the Oregon Statewide Scholarship Program for Professional Development offers two scholarships: Oregon's Family Child Care Scholarship and the Betty Gray Early Childhood Scholarship. According to a [2019 report](#) by Oregon State University's College of Health, 44 percent of the early childhood workforce participated in at least one of these initiatives. Other scholarship and financial aid opportunities may be available through the centralized scholarship clearinghouse operated by the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC), which serves as a centralized database for students to locate and apply for public and private scholarships. OSAC is the state entity responsible for administering public

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financial aid programs for students pursuing higher education.

Senate Bill 567 directs DELC to implement a childcare provider incentive program and direct the State Treasury to create a Child Care Provider Incentive Fund to fund the program.